

H. R. 250.

FEBRUARY 12, 1821.

Read twice, and committed to the committee of the whole House to which is committed the bill to repeal an act, passed the 26th of April, 1816, on increasing the compensation of inspectors, measurers, weighers, and gaugers.

A BILL

Further to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 *the salaries heretofore allowed by law to the collectors for the*
4 *districts of Penobscot, in the state of Maine, of Plymouth,*
5 *Barnstable, Nantucket, Marblehead, and New Bedford, in the*
6 *state of Massachusetts, and of Georgetown, in the District of*
7 *Columbia; to the naval officer for the district of Savannah,*
8 *and to the surveyors of the ports of Sackett's Harbor, Perth*
9 *Amboy, Providence residing at Providence, Cape Vincent, and*
10 *Savannah, shall cease and be discontinued.*

1 *SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That, in lieu of their*
2 *present salaries, there shall be allowed and paid the salaries*
3 *hereinafter mentioned to the following officers of the customs:*
4 *to the collectors for the districts of York, Wiscasset, Edgar-*

5 town, Oswegatchie, Wilmington, in the state of Delaware,
 6 two hundred dollars each; to the collectors for the districts of
 7 Passamaquoddy, Fairfield, Vermont, Champlain, Sackett's
 8 Harbor, Cape Vincent, Georgetown, South Carolina, and
 9 Beaufort, two hundred and fifty dollars each; to the collector
 10 for the district of Occracock eight hundred dollars; and to the
 11 collector of Oswego one hundred dollars; and to the surveyors
 12 for the districts of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, of Salem,
 13 Petersburg, two hundred dollars each; of New London,
 14 Stonington, two hundred and fifty dollars each; and to the
 15 surveyors for the district of Tappahannock one hundred and
 16 fifty dollars each.

1 **SEC. 3.** *And be it further enacted,* That, in lieu of the
 2 per centage heretofore allowed by law to the several officers
 3 heretofore mentioned, there shall be allowed the following
 4 per centage, to wit: to the collector for the district of Kenne-
 5 bunk three per centum; to each of the collectors for the dis-
 6 tricts of Barnstable, Newburyport, New London, and Middle-
 7 town, two and an half per centum; to each of the collectors of
 8 Portsmouth, New Hampshire, of Alexandria, and Wilming-
 9 ton, North Carolina, two per centum; to each of the collectors
 10 for the districts of New Haven, Bristol, Newport, and Provi-
 11 dence, one and three quarters of one per centum; to the col-
 12 lector for the district of Richmond one and one quarter per
 13 centum; to each of the collectors for the districts of Norfolk,

14 and Portsmouth, and Mississippi, one per centum; to each of
 15 the collectors for the districts of Boston and Philadelphia
 16 one-fifth of one per centum; and to the collector for the dis-
 17 trict of New York one-eighth of one per centum.

1 **SEC. 4.** *And be it further enacted,* That whenever the
 2 emoluments of the collectors of the customs, naval officers,
 3 and surveyors, for the following ports, to wit: of Boston, New
 4 York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Charleston, or New Orleans,
 5 shall severally exceed in any year, after deducting the ex-
 6 penses incident to their respective offices, to wit: to the col-
 7 lectors of the said ports the sum of four thousand dollars
 8 each, and to the naval officers and surveyors of the said ports,
 9 the sum of two thousand four hundred dollars each, the ex-
 10 cess shall be, in every such case, paid into the Treasury.

1 **SEC. 5.** *And be it further enacted,* That whenever the
 2 emoluments of any other collector of the customs, naval
 3 officer, or surveyor, shall in any year exceed the necessary
 4 expenses incident to his office, to wit: the emoluments of any
 5 collector the sum of three thousand dollars, and the emolu-
 6 ments of any naval officer or surveyor, severally, the sum of
 7 two thousand dollars, the excess shall be, in every such case,
 8 paid into the Treasury: *Provided, however,* That nothing here-
 9 in contained shall be construed to extend to fines, penalties,
 10 or forfeitures, or to the distribution thereof.

1 **SEC. 6.** *And be it further enacted,* That every collector,
 2 naval officer, and surveyor, shall account for all emoluments,

3 and also for all expenses incident to his office; that such ac-
4 counts, as well of expenses as of emoluments, shall be ren-
5 dered on oath or affirmation, at such times, and in such man-
6 ner and form, and shall be supported by such proofs, as shall
7 be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, and that all
8 such accounts shall be settled at the Treasury like other pub-
9 lic accounts.

1 **SEC. 7.** *And be it further enacted,* That every collector,
2 naval officer, and surveyor, shall, together with his account of
3 the expenses incident to his office, render, on oath or affirma-
4 tion, a list of the clerks employed by him, stating the rate
5 of compensation allowed to each, and the duties which they
6 severally perform; and also an account of the sums paid for
7 stationery, official or contingent expenses, for fuel, and office
8 rent, stating the purposes to which the premises so rented are
9 applied.

1 **SEC. 8.** *And be it further enacted,* That no account for
2 the compensation of any clerk, or other person employed by
3 any collector, surveyor, or naval officer, shall be allowed, un-
4 til such clerk or other person shall have certified, on oath or
5 affirmation, that the same services have been performed; that
6 he has received the full sum charged to his own use and be-
7 nefit, and that he has not made any contract or agreement
8 that any part of such compensation should accrue to the be-
9 nefit of any other person.